

Remarks

Examiner Goudreau is thanked for the thorough Office Action.

In the Claims

Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice.

No other changes to the claims have been made.

Claim Rejections

The Rejection Of Claim 1 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph, as Being Indefinite for Failing to Particularly Point Out and Distinctly Claim the Subject Matter Which Applicant Regards as the Invention

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention is acknowledged.

Claim 1 has been canceled, mooted this rejection.

The Rejection Of Claim 1 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) As Anticipated By Soga et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,090,718)

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Soga et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,090,718) is acknowledged.

Claim 1 has been canceled, mooted this rejection.

The Rejection Of Claim 1 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Chen (U.S. Patent No. 6,325,948)

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen (U.S. Patent No. 6,325,948) is acknowledged.

Claim 1 has been canceled, mooted this rejection.

Allowable subject matter

The allowance of claims 17 to 32 is gratefully acknowledged.

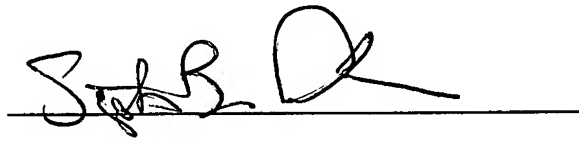
With the cancellation of rejected claim 1 and the allowance of the remaining pending claims 17 to 32, issuance of the application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, issuance of the application is requested.

It is requested that the Examiner telephone Stephen G. Stanton, Esq. (#35,690) at (610) 296 – 5194 or the undersigned attorney/George Saile, Esq. (#19,572) at (845) 452 – 5863 if the Examiner has any questions or issues that may be resolved to expedite prosecution and place this Application in condition for Allowance.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen B. Ackerman", is written over a horizontal line.

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